

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JON C. SESSO, on January 13, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 167, 1/8/2009; HB 112, 1/8/2009;
HB 127, 1/8/2009

Executive Action: None

00:01:45 Rep. Hiner

HEARING ON HB 167

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:56 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on
HB 167, Funding for Travelers' Rest State Park.

00:12:23 Rep. Hiner

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:35 Rep. Hawk

00:13:13 Rep. Hiner

00:13:18 Rep. Nooney

00:13:39 Rep. Hiner

00:13:46 Loren Flynn, Executive Director, Traveler's Rest
Preservation and Heritage Association (TRPHA)

EXHIBIT (aph07a01)

00:18:46 Dick Haines, City Council Member, Missoula

00:22:22 Rep. Henry

00:22:50 Rep. Hiner

00:23:03 Jay Robson, Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau

EXHIBIT (aph07a02)

00:24:27 Norman Jacobson, retired science teacher and Traveler's
Rest Volunteer

00:28:45 Maria Berger, Program Coordinator, TRPHA

00:32:45 Stuart Crook, Board of Directors, Traveler's Rest

00:34:23 Kim Kaufman, Board of Directors, Traveler's Rest

00:35:45 Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance

00:40:42 Hazel Pflueger, Volunteer, Traveler's Rest

EXHIBIT (aph07a03)

00:41:58 Chad Delong, Missoula Area Economic Development
Corporation

00:42:47 Jack Pucket, Volunteer, Traveler's Rest

EXHIBIT (aph07a04)

00:44:17 Stephanie Ambrose Tubbs, Writer

00:46:51 Chairman Sesso

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:29 Rep. Morgan
00:48:05 Mr. Flynn
00:48:12 Rep. Morgan
00:48:19 Mr. Flynn
00:48:27 Chairman Sesso
00:48:32 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:48:56 Mr. Flynn
00:49:48 Chairman Sesso
00:49:55 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:50:06 Mr. Flynn
00:50:10 Rep. Kasten
00:50:23 Chas VanGenderen, Administrator, Parks Division, Fish
Wildlife & Parks
00:51:47 Chairman Sesso
00:52:13 Mr. VanGenderen
00:53:08 Chairman Sesso
00:53:46 Mr. VanGenderen
00:55:27 Chairman Sesso
00:55:32 Rep. Kasten
00:55:56 Chairman Sesso
00:56:01 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:56:19 Rep. Kasten
00:56:27 Chairman Sesso
00:56:56 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:57:23 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:50 Rep. Sands
00:58:44 Chairman Sesso
00:58:49 Rep. Sands

HEARING ON HB 112

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:01 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on
HB 112, Amend threshold for Legislative Finance review
of budget change documents.

01:02:29 Vice Chairwoman Hiner

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:59 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:03:11 Ms. Purdy
01:03:20 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:03:53 Ms. Purdy
01:04:26 Vice Chairwoman Hiner
01:04:30 Rep. Roberts
01:04:49 Ms. Purdy
01:05:21 Rep. Hiner
01:05:25 Rep. Getz
01:05:38 Ms. Purdy
01:07:02 Rep. Getz
01:07:11 Ms. Purdy
01:07:22 Vice Chairwoman Hiner

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:40 Rep. Sesso

HEARING ON HB 127

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:08:31 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on
HB 127, Provide for proceeds from military sales.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:11:10 Brigadier General John Walsh, Adjutant General,
Department of Military Affairs
[EXHIBIT](#)(aph07a05)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:11 Rep. Roberts
01:15:18 Rep. Sesso
01:15:23 Rep. Roberts
01:15:59 Rep. Sesso

01:16:46 Brigadier General Stanley Putnam, Department of
Military Affairs
01:19:35 Vice Chairwoman Hiner
01:19:40 Rep. Hawk
01:20:17 General Walsh
01:20:49 Dan Hubber, State Facilities Manager, Department of
Military Affairs
01:21:08 Vice Chairwoman Hiner
01:21:11 Rep. Hawk
01:21:16 Mr. Hubber
01:21:23 Rep. Hawk
01:21:38 Mr. Hubber
01:21:50 General Putnam
01:22:57 Rep. Hawk
01:23:11 General Putnam
01:23:18 Rep. Hawk
01:23:22 General Putnam
01:23:27 Vice Chairwoman Hiner

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:34 Rep. Sesso
01:24:37 Vice Chairwoman Hiner
01:24:46 Rep. Sesso

ADJOURNMENT

01:26:57 Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

SAMUEL SPEERSCHNEIDER, Secretary

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS:

Opposition letter to HB 167 from Director Ewer.

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph07aad.pdf](#))